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REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the present application. Applicant appreciates the allowability of claims 7-21.

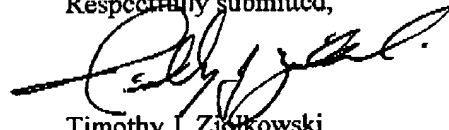
In the Final Office Action mailed September 19, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 6 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 6 of copending Application No. 10/605,022 in view of Lobosco (USP 2,636,102). Since copending application 10/605,022 has not been allowed, and this amendment believes to place this case in condition for allowance, the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection should be withdrawn.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fernicola (USP 3,968,340) taken with Kimbrough et al. (USP 4,301,355). Claims 2-5 are objected to for depending from rejected claims. Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 2 and therefore canceled claim 2. All pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

Therefore, in light of at least the foregoing, Applicant respectfully believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. As a result, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1, 3-21.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of these Amendments and Remarks and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned, should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved.

Respectfully submitted,



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